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### ***Policy***

#### ***From the WIC Services Policy and Procedure Manual – 380.30 Nutrition Counseling for Medicaid-Eligible Recipients 20 Years Old and Younger***

Medicaid-eligible recipients 20 years old and younger qualify for Medicaid-reimbursed nutrition counseling if they are:

- Referred as the result of a screening examination by a physician, Public Health Nurse, school nurse or other community-based nurse, or
- Eligible for WIC with a documented need for services exceeding those available through WIC.

Note: The documentation of need must be completed by the referring health professional and a copy of this statement submitted with the claim.

Physician approval for nutrition counseling is required in the following situations:

- If a Medicaid-eligible child is not enrolled in the Child Health Program, nutrition counseling can be billed if documentation of need is provided and physician approval is obtained.
- If a Medicaid-eligible child lives in a county that has MediPASS (Medicaid Patient Access to Services System), the referral to a licensed dietitian must be approved by the physician who is the client's MediPASS provider. Lists of MediPASS physicians in your area are available from the Medicaid Managed Care Office.
- If a Medicaid-eligible child is in a county where Medicaid has a contract with a health maintenance organization (HMO), the nutrition counseling must be reimbursed by the HMO contract.

According to the Department of Human Services Health Screening Center Provider Manual, screening centers shall be eligible for reimbursement of nutritional counseling services provided by licensed dietitians who are employed by, or have contracts with, the screening center when a nutritional problem or condition of such severity exists that nutritional counseling beyond that normally expected as part of the standard medical management is warranted.

Reminder: Services can be billed only if they are above and beyond the nutrition education protocol for all WIC participants.

## ***Information***

### ***Participant Centered Services:***

#### ***A Motivational Interviewing success story from Molly Kellogg:***

"Things have changed a great deal for me since the workshop in San Francisco. I am no longer scrambling to come up with solutions for my patients. By using MI, I am allowing my patients to explore ideas on their own. Using reflections and summaries of patient's own change talk allows them to work through their own ideas and solutions. The biggest thing I notice is that I am not as tired and frustrated at the end of my day! I feel genuinely interested and care about my patients and I am no longer invested in their failures and successes because they are not my ideas, they are their own!"

~Sarah Seppa, MS, RD, LD of Hailey, ID

### ***Thank you of the Week:***

"I wanted to send a shout out to the Webster County WIC office. Today was my day to renew my WIC and our income was too much since they go by gross. My husband actually brings home less than half of his paycheck so WIC has been a lifesaver for us with part of the grocery bill. The ladies helped me figure out a way that I would still qualify and got me more help for my newborn son. I was in tears in their office and they cried along with me and found me the resources and help I needed. I am so appreciative of the support they gave me today."

### ***eWIC Focus Update***

Please make sure to review the "Iowa Family Transfer Process" document on the Training section of the WIC Web Portal. This document gives you instructions on the steps needed to transfer a family from Focus to IWIN or from IWIN to Focus.

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### ***Educational Opportunity (CEU)***

The Nutrition Services Branch in collaboration with UNC – Chapel Hill is pleased to announce that Module 1: Nutrition Assessment of the Pediatric Nutrition Course (PNC) will be offered again in 2016. This is an online, faculty guided, self-paced course of about 25 hours to be completed between January 19, 2016 and March 28, 2016. The goal of this course is to provide nutritionists with the knowledge and skills needed to improve the nutritional health of the pediatric population. Module 1 is designed to improve knowledge and skills specifically in the area of nutrition assessment. It is ideal for new employees in public health nutrition, nutritionists who are new to pediatrics and those who want to broaden their pediatric knowledge base.

Module 1 Nutrition Assessment consists of the following six topics:

- Unit 1: Anthropometrics
- Unit 2: Biochemical
- Unit 3: Clinical
- Unit 4: Food and Nutrition History
- Unit 5: Eco Social Factors
- Unit 6: Psychosocial Factors

This course has been approved by the Commission on Dietetic Registration – Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for 19 CPEUs - Level 1 for Registered Dietitians (RDs), Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs), Nutrition and Dietetics Technicians, Registered (NDTRs) and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (DTRs). For all others, 2.0 Continuing Education Units will be awarded from the Friday Center for Continuing Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Fees:** The course fee is \$50 for public health nutrition personnel in North Carolina Local Health Agencies and pediatric nutritionists in Children's Developmental Services Agencies (CDSAs). The course fee is \$100 for all other applicants, including those who reside outside of the State of North Carolina. Enrollment is limited, and participants will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

An orientation webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 11 am – 12 pm with fully enrolled students to provide an overview and demonstration of the online course. This live orientation webinar will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

**January:**

NETC Webinar (Health Professional) – January 28, from 8:30-11:30

NETC Webinar (Support Staff) **Support Staff training will not be held in January.**

**March:**

No NETC this month

**May:**

No NETC this month

**July:**

NETC Webinar (All new staff) – July 14, from 8:30-11:30

NETC Webinar (Health Professional) – July 21, from 8:30-11:30

NETC Webinar (Support Staff) – July 28, from 8:30-11:30

**September:**

NETC Webinar (All new staff) – September 15, from 8:30-11:30

NETC Webinar (Health Professional) – September 22, from 8:30-11:30

NETC Webinar (Support Staff) – September 29, from 8:30-11:30

**November:**

NETC Webinar (All new staff) – November 10, from 8:30-11:30

NETC Webinar (Health Professional) – November **16**, from 8:30-11:30

NETC Webinar (Support Staff) – November **17**, from 8:30-11:30

**\*\*\*Please note the dates in November\*\*\***

***Dates to Remember-***

- Infant/Child Workshop- August 2, 2016
- WIC Contractor Meeting- August 30, 2016
- Communication and Rapport Workshop- October 26, 2016

Note: Due to state-wide rollout of eWIC the Breastfeeding and Maternal Core Workshops will not be held this year. More information to come on what new staff will be doing to meet this training requirement.

### **Available Formula-**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact</b>
LGG	20 - 12.6 oz Container	2/1/2016	Mid-Sioux Opportunity	Holly Svitak 712-786-3476
Peptamen Junior 1.5 Cal	114 – 250 ml containers	3 – 6/2016	HACAP	Angela Munson 319-366-7632
Enfaport	17 – 6 packs of 6 oz containers	4/1/16	HACAP	Angela Munson 319-366-7632
Powder Infant EleCare Amino Acid Based Infant Formula with Iron	5 – 14.1 oz cans	3/2017	North Iowa Community Action	Janelle Pansegrau 641-423-5044 x35
Complete Amino Acid Mix	1 can	10/21/2017	Mid-Iowa Community Action	Sierra Steven 515-232-9020, ext. 105
Elecare for infants	11 containers – 14.0 oz. powder	6 – 3-1-17 5 – 4-1-17	HACAP	Angela Munson 319-366-7632

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